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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: Rolling Knolls

And more....

I think Scott Kahn may be Mike's supervisor, but I'm not sure if there's someone in the middle.

From: Molnar, George C <george_molnar@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:12 AM
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Rolling Knolls

Good Morning Sally,

FWS does recollect the September 21, 2021 meeting. However, the purpose of the meeting was not to discuss the MOU, but rather an opportunity for all parties to reconnect, discuss a path moving forward, and work together on a solution that would be mutually beneficial to all.

Participation by PRP Group representatives was limited. Consisting largely of them indicating their intentions to fulfill their obligations under the AOC and opining on how they and they only were the sole entities financially contributing to the Site.

EPA was near silent. What was briefly discussed, were the landowners and Group need to work things out between themselves, and that EPA's role is to ensure the Site is remediated as per CERCLA. EPA did note FWS's comments on the March 2021 version of the FS were never received. FWS indicated they did provide comments, a copy of which were sent via email on September 27, 2021 which included the comments under an April 13, 2021 cover letter and email sent to Pat Evangelista, EPA Region2 Director of Superfund from Scott Kahn, FWS Regional Refuge Chief.

What FWS anticipated to be a productive meeting between parties, it instead lasted approximately 20 minutes highlighted by awkward moments of silence. The MOU may have been mentioned, but there were no noteworthy conversations to recall.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: RE: Rolling Knolls

Hi Sally,

On September 21, 2021, Damon Sedita, attorney for the Miele Trust, convened a meeting including DOI/FWS, the performing PRPs, and EPA to discuss the meaning and impact of the MOU. Representatives of DOI/FWS and the Miele Trust attended the meeting in person at the GSNWR Visitor Center, and representatives of the performing PRPs and EPA, as well as additional representatives of DOI/FWS, attended the meeting virtually. George Molnar sent the meeting invite, and we believe Mike Horne participated (we do not have a full attendance list).

A month later, on October 21, 2021, EPA met with representatives of Chatham Township at the site. The attached letter memorializes the meeting with the Township.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,
Stephanie

From: Sally Rubin <srubin@greatswamp.org>
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To: Vaughn, Stephanie <Vaughn.Stephania@epa.gov>
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Subject: Rolling Knolls

Hi Stephanie, I just want to clarify something with you and make sure I understand what you said yesterday. You indicated that EPA had a meeting a few months ago with the PRPs, Miele Trust, and the Refuge about the MOU. You asked Damon if GSWA and the township should be included and he said no. You subsequently had a meeting with the township separately. Could you confirm this is what you said because Mike Horne has said he has not been a part of any discussion with EPA about the MOU. Perhaps I just misunderstood. Thanks, Sally

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